

City of Moorhead Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes February 17, 2015 at 5:30 PM City Hall Council Chambers

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on January 20, 2015, at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member: Mari Dailey Absent 1st Ward Council Member: Nancy Otto Present 2nd Ward Council Member: Heidi Durand Present 2nd Ward Council Member: Jim Hanev Present Del Rae Williams Present Mayor: 3rd Ward Council Member: Mike Hulett Absent 3rd Ward Council Member: Brenda Elmer Present 4th Ward Council Member: Steve Gehrtz Present 4th Ward Council Member: Chuck Hendrickson Present

Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) Long Range Planning Presentation

Minutes: Liz Lynch and Megan Krueger from Moorhead Public Library.

Liz Lynch presented information on LARL. 2014 stats were provided to members, along with their four focus points. LARL serves 7 Counties and 12 regional library systems with Moorhead being the largest. 22 service locations total. Goal is to make the libraries accessible to everyone. Recipricol borrowing agreements with the cities of Fargo and West Fargo are in place. If a person has a LARL card, they can use it at any other regional library in MN. They also work with the MN Legislative system and there is a tremendous support system across the state of MN. E books are offered through the library and are very popular. LARL is very appreciative of the additional funds provided by the City of Moorhead, and have figured ways to cut costs and save additional funds to stay financially secure.

Megan Krueger- Director of Moorhead Public Library emphasised there are a lot of people using the library and it is a great asset to the community. There are a number of different uses of the space. Meeting rooms are being used, computer labs are full every day, computer classes are offered, space for children and teens to use, and private study areas are just a few of the activities going on at the building. Upcoming projects include meeting room remodel, repair of the elevator, remodeling the entry way, and any needed unplanned repairs.

2. Metro COG Food Systems Advisory Commission Presentation

Minutes: Metro COG Staff

Megan Myrdal - Project Coordinator, Cass-Clay Food Systems Advisory Commission presented a powerpoint on the MN Food Charter (www.mnfoodcharter.com).

Adam Altenburg - Metro COG Representative

The Cass-Clay Food Systems Advisory Commission is intended to assess, educate, provide language, support community wellness, cultivate partnerships, encourage inquiries, propose recommendations and oversee the implementation of the Metropolitan Food Systems Plan.

City of Moorhead is asked to make a Council appointment to Commission.

3. <u>Discuss Proposed Changes to Massage Therapy Ordinance</u>

Minutes: Chief Ebinger presented proposed changes to the massage ordinance.

Home massage occupations will be added to the current ordinance.

Changes to the application process will also take place to prevent concerns of human trafficking, sex trade and prostitution.

Ordinance has been developed as a means to do a more thorough background check. The requirements of the ordinance go into effect at application submission and renewal.

Cab standards – currently developing a system that still holds stringent background standards but not the financial burdons.

4. City Manager Reports

A. Review City Council *Draft* Short- to Mid-Range Plan Framework

Minutes: Updates Redlinger and Zimmerman will be at the Buffalo Watershed District meeting on 2/23.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Del Rae Williams

Mayor

Mary L. Schmitt Acting City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary L. Schmitt, Acting City Clerk